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HAVE YOU SEEN THIS MAN?

THE Old Milton Peking Police force have today issued a warning to local residents. Watch out - there's a wicked wizard about!

Reports have been coming in from around the city that a shady figure, answering to the description of Abanazar the Awful, has been seen lurking in shop doorways in Silbury Arcade, scaling the tops of roofs in the Theatre District and digging down beneath the pitch at the MK Dons Stadium.

Not much is known about Abanazar, though reports from other towns in the UK have suggested that he is particularly active at this time of year and that a trail of destruction generally follows in his wake.

Chief of Police, PC Pong Singalong, said: **"All that we know about this villain is that he tries to trick law-abiding citizens into handing over their priceless antiques.**

"He has a particular interest in lamps, whatever their state of repair. In fact, he has been known to make off with even the tattiest and grubbiest of ancient oil lamps."

If you should see this man, Old Milton Peking police stress that he should not be approached. **"Abanazar is not to be trusted - he'll pretend he's doing you a favour, with his offer of 'new lamps for old', but in reality he's just after your valuable family heirlooms."**

PC Pong added: **"Don't be alarmed, we're sure to catch him sooner or later. Until then, from us all at the Old Milton Peking police HQ, we'd just like to say... We wish you a merry Christmas, we wish you a merry Christmas, we wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year!"**

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UFO spotted in the sky over Campbell Park

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REPORTS are coming in that an Unidentified Flying Object has been sighted above Old Milton Peking's Campbell Park.

Visitors to the centre:mpking and local residents alike were shocked to observe the mysterious craft hovering about 100 feet up in the air at around 6pm yesterday and again at 6am this morning.

Shopper Wishee Washee (29, or so he says...) said: **"I couldn't believe my eyes. The 'Thing' seemed to be illuminated by the light of a lamp that glowed in a very eerie fashion. It sounds ridiculous but it looked for all the world like some sort of rug – but there seemed to be a figure sitting on it! And he looked as though he was studying a map. It shook me up something rotten."**

The UFO was last spotted disappearing behind the fly-tower of Milton Peking's Theatre, where, incidentally, thousands of residents have been seen flocking through the doors, dressed in festive jumpers and their winter finery - could this simply be a coincidence, or is something more magical afoot?

See page 11 for pictures and full details

MILTON KEYNES THEATRE

RELAXED PERFORMANCE RETURNS!

After its success last year, **Milton Keynes Theatre** will once again open its doors to hundreds of children and adults who don't always feel welcome or comfortable in a theatre auditorium and on **Wed 6 Jan, 2.30pm**, MKT will host a '**Relaxed' performance of this year's magical pantomime, Aladdin**.

So what is a 'Relaxed' performance? Well, the show is just as good, as funny and as entertaining as at any other performance but the atmosphere in the auditorium is less formal than at a regular performance. It's the opposite of the 'quiet carriage' on the train – there's a relaxed attitude to noise, movement and a few small changes are made to the sound levels and lighting effects.

And who are 'Relaxed' performances for? Anyone who would benefit from a more relaxed setting when attending the theatre, including people with autism spectrum conditions, people who make involuntary noises, people with learning disabilities, or just anyone who prefers a less formal environment when coming to see a show!

Tickets can be booked by telephone, online, or by popping in to Milton Keynes Theatre to speak to one of the Box Office team.

Feedback for Peter Pan's Relaxed performance

George Ure @george_ure
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Rukaya Cesar @RukayaC_
Such a joy to pop in and watch bits of our relaxed performance of Peter Pan @MKTheatre this morning! What a rewarding show for us all.

Helen Foster
★★★★ The relaxed showing of Peter Pan this week was fantastic, took a group of special needs students from school, they all thoroughly enjoyed it , as did us staff. Hope to see the theatre do more of these types of showings. Well done Theatre MK

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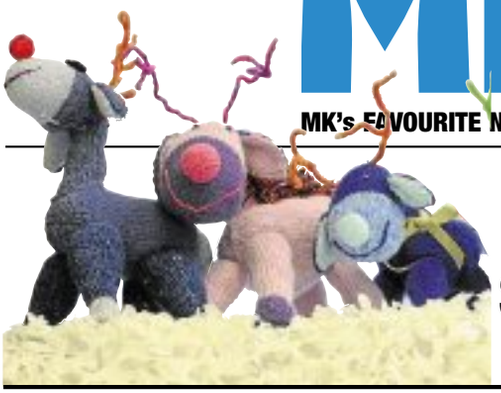

Knit Wits strike again

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Top honour for soldier Syd

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Pop stars give gifts to sick youngsters

AHEAD of the MK Christmas Party at Arena:MK, children suffering with childhood cancers had an early visit from Santa, Liz McClarnon from Atomic Kitten, Kim Mazelle, Lee John from Imagination and Kenny Thomas.

MK Dons manager Karl Robinson, mayor Keith McLean and Steven Gordon-Wilson, CEO of Destination MK, also turned out to show their support.

Santa, from ITV Text Santa, joined The Henry Allen Trust, which is being supported by the Christmas party, to give presents to brave children at the DoubleTree by Hilton at stadiummk on Monday.

Dawn Allen, founder of the charity that supports children with cancer, said: "It has been a very emotional and overwhelming day.

"The organisers of the MK Christmas Party have been amazing and it is so surreal to have support from celebrities like Atomic Kitten and Kym Mazelle."

The party, backed by MK NEWS and OneMK, is on December 19 and to find out how to book tickets visit onemk.co.uk. The names of the five winners of our competition to win tickets are also available online.

Attack leaves mum terrified

BY SARAH LEE
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A YOUNG mum has been left too terrified to leave home after dark after being punched to the ground by two men in a violent robbery.

Becky West, 20, told MK NEWS: "I was absolutely terrified and so angry that they stole the money that I had saved for my nine-month-old son.

"They broke my front teeth and I have a swollen lip, but the worst thing is that I'm suffering high levels of anxiety for which I'm seeking help. I won't leave the house after 4pm now – I'm just terrified."

Single mum-of-one Becky was heading home after a night out with friends about 10.30pm on Friday when she was targeted by the men in Myrtlebank, Stacey Bushes.

She heard footsteps behind her before turning around to see the men, who demanded her phone and money.

Despite moving her purse across her body away from the men, one of them grabbed it from her hand and stole cash from it.

Both men punched her in the face – causing her to fall to the ground.

Becky said: "It was just awful. They punched me to the floor, broke my glasses and then laughed at me."

The offender who stole Becky's purse is white, 5ft 6ins to 5ft 7ins, of athletic build, was clean shaven and had a tattoo of three stars on the right side of his neck.

He was wearing a black cotton Adidas tracksuit that had white stripes down the side and a white logo on the front.

The other offender was white, aged in his early to mid-20s, 6ft, slim, had a goatee beard and a lip bar in his upper lip that had a diamond stud.

He had black dot tattoos on his left knuckles and was wearing a black Adidas hooded top and tracksuit trousers and dark trainers.

He wore a black scarf over the bottom of his face, which he later removed.

Investigating officer PC Fred Ruffle, from Milton Keynes Local Area CID, said: "This was a violent robbery of a young woman.

"It occurred after the victim visited the Costcutter store in Briar Hill before walking down Myrtlebank.

"It is possible the offenders may have followed her from here. I would like to speak to witnesses to the robbery, or anyone who saw men acting suspiciously in the area at the time."

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Although Milton Keynes itself has one of the lowest unemployment records in the country, the remarkable success and continued expansion of the city, alongside its extensive surrounding catchment area, means that employers are keen to find and develop new talent across a huge range of skills and talents. The city already has an enviable reputation for it's finance and head office businesses as well as world-wide recognition for highly skilled precision engineering and manufacturing, and is home to some of the best known national and international organisations.

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Apart from the many, many organisations that have already booked to attend and are detailed on its website (www.mkjobshow.co.uk) the MK Job Show is now delighted to confirm Zone Sponsors: **Amway UK, BSI Group, BSH Home Appliances Group, Center Parcs, Dominos Head Office, Jardine Motors, Teach MK, Travis Perkins PLC, White Clarke Group.**

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Boris bikes scheme is 'fantastic'

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A BICYCLE hire scheme based on the famous 'Boris Bikes' in London is set to arrive in Milton Keynes in the spring.

Milton Keynes Council and Milton Keynes City Centre Management (MKCCM) have stuck a deal with Santander and nextbike to connect the city with major hubs at key points.

The exact details of the scheme are being finalised but it's to include more than 500 bikes, which will be available at up to 60 docking stations across the city.

The scheme will use the city-wide 169.3-mile redway network of shared use paths for cyclists and pedestrians and will be the second largest of its kind outside London.

The nextbike Smartbikes will allow cyclists to hire the bikes via a specially designed app on their phone, with membership cards or via the cycle itself.

The seven-year deal will also prove beneficial to staff at Santander, which employs thousands of people at its head office near the rail station.

Nathan Bostock, CEO of Santander UK, said: "Our plans were always to broaden this commitment into other communities and as our largest employee hub, Milton Keynes is an obvious place for us."

The hire scheme was welcomed by Milton Keynes Council's cabinet member for transport Matt Clifton, himself a keen cyclist.

Cllr Clifton said: "A number of council departments are already working to deliver this across the borough.

"The cycle hire scheme will give all people in MK a greener, healthier choice of travelling around the city."

And Melanie Beck, MKCCM's city centre manager, added: "A cycle hire facility of this size will be a fantastic addition to MK."

Wheels in motion: Melanie Beck, *left*, and Matt Clifton, *centre*, are both delighted that Santander is bringing its cycle hire scheme to MK after its success in London

Gift of cameras will lead to charity exhibition

A BUSINESS has donated 40 disposable cameras to a homeless charity in the city.

FibreFab, a leading manufacturer of fibre optic and networking products based in Knowlhill, donated the cameras to Winter Night Shelter MK (WNSMK), which will distribute them to the homeless in a bid to document life living on the city's streets.

Helene Waterhouse, director of operations at FibreFab, said: "We decided to donate the cameras after reading the initial article in MK NEWS.

"The main purpose is to help create a better understanding of the life people live on the streets in Milton Keynes.

"It's a small gesture from the company that will hopefully create awareness of the hardship of homelessness."

WNSMK provides supervised overnight accommodation to homeless and vulnerable people who would otherwise be rough sleeping during the extreme winter months between late November and mid-March each year.

A spokesman for WNSMK said: "We are overjoyed that FibreFab has decided to donate the cameras. Once the homeless guests have completed their photography, the shelter will curate an exhibition of the work. The exhibition will be free – only asking for donations to Winter Night Shelter MK."

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Knit Wits pick another target

WOLVERTON Knit Wits have 'yarn bombed' a community centre to 'make people smile'.

The Old Bath House, in Station Road, Wolverton, has had its main hall decorated by the Knit Wits – a secret group that continues to randomly decorate the town.

A spokesman said: "It is for fun and to make people smile.

"We also wanted to support the volunteers at Bath House."

A warm feeling: Chris Bridgeman from The Old Bath House by the knitted fire

Attack rumour a hoax – police

BY SARAH LEE
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POLICE investigating warnings of a potential attack on the centre:mk say there was nothing to suggest it was 'anything more than a hoax'.

Following rumours that an attack would take place at the shopping centre on Monday, Superintendant Gez Chiariello, LPA commander for Milton Keynes, said: "At this time there is no information to suggest that this is anything more than a rumour.

"We would ask everyone to carry on with their daily lives but to remain vigilant."

Police are now investigating the source of the rumour after a number of people reported the warning spreading across social media.

The warning read: "There is a woman going around CMK in a burqa and dropping £10 notes on the floor.

"Those who see it and pick it up and pass it back receive a blessing in the name of Allah.

"They are then told not to visit CMK on Monday, December 7."

Supt Chiariello added: "There is no link to this and a separate bomb hoax dealt with by officers on Friday night at a Weatherspoon pub in Milton Keynes."

Hundreds of customers and pub staff were cleared from the pub in Midsummer Boulevard after police received a report of a malicious call.

The pub evacuated people who were inside when officers attended the premises about 7pm.

A police spokesman said: "An unattended bag was found but this was deemed not to be suspicious when the owner claimed it.

"We would remind people not to leave items unattended and to report anything suspicious to police."

To report any suspicious activity call Thames Valley Police enquiry line 101.

MKNEWS BRIEFS

Stabbing at Tesco

A MAN was stabbed at the Tesco Express in Melrose Avenue, Bletchley, yesterday. Police cordoned off the shop after 2pm following a fight between two men. Visit **onemk.co.uk** for more.

£9m parking profit

MK COUNCIL raked in £9million in parking profit in 2014/15. See **onemk.co.uk**

Pervert spared jail

COMMUNITY photographer Simon St Clare, 40, of Wastel, Beanhill, was given a six-month suspended prison sentence on Friday after admitting making indecent photographs of children.

Councillor's fire plan concerns

A COUNCILLOR has received more than 700 responses opposing proposed plans to close the Great Holm Fire Station and build a new blue light hub to merge with the police in West Ashland.

Councillor Zoe Nolan, a ward councillor for Great Holm, is also questioning why the final decision comes down to a fire authority of which just five of the 17 members are from Milton Keynes.

She said: "How can it be that a decision of this magnitude can hinge on councillors we have not elected in MK?"

Body of swan found by road

AN INVESTIGATION has been launched by police after a protected mute swan was beheaded in Bletchley.

The headless body was left next to the road in Stoke Road, close to the junction with Windermere Drive, sometime between Saturday, November 28 and the following day.

PC Andrew Hipkin, wildlife and crime officer, said: "This is a particularly unpleasant crime and I am keen to trace those who are responsible to prevent any further incidents."

This incident was similar to other swan deaths last year in the Mount Farm area of Bletchley.

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MILTON Keynes Council has announced its draft budget this week, which includes plans to increase council tax, scrap pink sacks and introduce a charge for collecting garden waste, in a bid to save £22million. You have been reacting to our stories on Facebook and here is a selection of what you have had to say:

Janey Chandler: I wouldn't mind paying more if I knew the council was providing a good service. But as it is, no, I don't want to pay more council tax.
Julian Mark Self: It's a fantastic idea (getting rid of pink sinks) – that's why the rest of the nation already does this. When I moved to MK back in '01, the rubbish collections were like a step back in time – flimsy sacks ripping, rubbish and recycling blowing about in the streets.
As for higher council tax: Great – I want to live in a first world country with first world public services. Who wants to suffer cuts to save under £1 a week?
Sandra Oxley: Wheelie bins would be great for me but not so good for those living in terraced houses, flats or HiMOs. However, the council MUST ensure that we are not being ripped off; their figures show that those flimsy pink sacks are costing us over 5.4p each – more than four times more than you can buy rubbish sacks yourself! It will be the council tax we pay that will buy the bins.
Sinead Petworth: I will no longer recycle if they get rid of them as I live in a flat and bins would not work, we don't even have bins for normal rubbish bags. It is a shame it will cause more rubbish and more black bags everywhere, we have enough already outside our flats as it is.
Shireen Hall: MK must be one of the last places using sacks. I've been longing for them to have wheelie bins. So much better and cleaner all round. Can't come soon enough in my opinion.
Stacey Buckley: How will people living in flats be able to recycle? I live on the 10th floor, we don't have any bins! And no room for them.
Derek Stanley: Cut the top officers' wage bill then I will listen to this. Stop cutting services and giving yourself a pay award.
Kitty Bloice: I can see a lot more being dumped (if a garden waste collection is brought in) as it is furniture and other things that are getting dumped because they're charging. Next we will be charged for rubbish to be collected.
■ **For more on the proposals see pages 24 and 25.**

Send picture to win a funny prize

This week's photograph showing Canada geese at Furzton Lake was taken by Daniel Green.

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Jon Brett's City Life

His column written exclusively for MK NEWS

WITH city centre Christmas shopping parking spaces at a premium at this time of year – both in terms of availability and, it would seem, size – here is the City Life guide to the best secret parking spots in Milton Keynes.
■ Westcroft Centre: Possibly the most irritating junction in Milton Keynes, the Tattenhoe Street entrance to the Morrison Superstore is now more congested than ever.
The opening of a new Aldi and Poundland has seen visitor numbers soar, adding to the chaotic scenes and shambolic layout of the car park. Insider Tip: Avoid the Barnsdale Drive turning and instead head to Alton Gate where you can follow the road round and park at the rear, avoiding the crowds.
■ Kingston Centre: Not quite as manic as Westcroft, but still a nightmare, particularly with Costco and the relatively new restaurant quarter drawing in the crowds. Insider Tip: Follow the ring road to the rear of Tesco and seek a parking place near the old police office and walk through to the shops from there.
■ MK1 shopping district: Tricky one this. Best avoided altogether on match day weekends when the football, Ikea, cinema and Primark are the parking equivalent of The Perfect Storm. Insider Tip: Park over the road in Granby Court.
■ Beacon Retail Park, Bletchley: Despite improvements to the double roundabout near Tesco, the area is quickly gridlocked at peak times with shoppers desperate to bag a bargain at TK Maxx or the recently opened Home Bargains. But with just two entrances and one exit, it's a parking nightmare. Insider Tip: Tough one this; catch the train to Bletchley and walk from there.
■ Central Milton Keynes: Everyone has their favourite place to park in CMK . . . and I'm not about to reveal mine! Good luck with the Christmas shopping everyone!

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Lorry horror: Matthew Stockdale filmed the incident on his dashcam and says police failed to act despite him ringing 999 six times

Driver captures M1 lorry horror

BY SARAH LEE
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A MAN who was driving home from Milton Keynes says he 'feared for his life' after his car was 'deliberately and repeatedly rammed' by a lorry.

Matthew Stockdale, CEO of dashcam business PoliceWitness.com based in Midsummer Boulevard in CMK, said his car was hit three times by the lorry, which had been 'flashing and dazzling him' before using the third lane to overtake him.

Following the incident, the former special constable criticised police after claiming they failed to act – despite him making six 999 calls.

The incident happened at about 8.40pm on Wednesday, November 11, on the southbound stretch of the M1 near Northampton.

Talking to MK NEWS, Mr Stockdale said: "I have honestly never been so scared in all my life.

"I was left feeling very anxious and intimidated on the motorway – which is a situation no driver wants to be in.

"What if I had children in the car? A pregnant wife or if I was an elderly driver?

"The lorry driver had no consideration of my welfare or safety and used his lorry as a weapon.

"I was absolutely gobsmacked that the driver didn't even stop after an obvious collision."

Feared for his life: Matthew Stockdale

The incident caused £3,000 worth of damage to Mr Stockdale's car.

He said that following the incident police failed to act even though he made six emergency calls.

He said despite assurances from three forces that help was on the way, no-one arrived.

Superintendent Dennis Murray, of Northamptonshire Police, said: "We have received a complaint from Mr Stockdale, which we are investigating and we will present our findings in due course to the Crown Prosecution Service for a charging decision.

"In the meantime, we accept there was a failure on our part in terms of contacting our neighbouring forces as the incident unfolded and we are taking the learning from that.

"We have also apologised in person to the complainant."

■ There have been eight serious accidents on the M1 near Milton Keynes since the start of the month, including a fatal collision.

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War veteran: Syd Golding, *second from left*, with three mates during the Second World War

War veteran to get top honour

BY PHILIP MCELENEY
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A 90-YEAR-OLD Second World War veteran is to be officially presented with the highest honour the French military can give at a ceremony on Saturday.

Syd Golding, from Bradville, will be formally presented with the Legion of Honour – the French equivalent of the Victoria Cross – by Milton Keynes mayor Keith McLean.

Mr Golding received the medal after taking part in the Normandy landings and seeing action throughout Europe during the war, when he was a despatch rider for the Royal Ulster Rifles.

When MK NEWS spoke to Mr Golding – who is still a keen motorcyclist – about his experiences during the war, a couple of particular events stood out for him.

He said: "We left for Ardennes on Christmas Eve. When we got there, we were in the snow for about eight weeks. You were issued with a sleeping bag and one blanket.

"We made for a barn where there was a tanker of water. We thought 'let's have some tea' but the tanker was frozen solid.

"A woman came out to the barn and she took us inside and gave us some tea. She was a Belgian lady whose husband had been taken away, but she couldn't do enough for us. Things like that, they get through to you."

Despite being a despatch rider for several years during the war, when Mr Golding returned to England he had to take a test to be allowed out on a motorbike – and it wasn't all plain sailing on his first test because he ran out of petrol part way through and had to re-do it.

But not all of Mr Golding's memories of the war and the aftermath are as heart-warming as his encounter with the generous Belgian woman. He recalled one particularly harrowing moment. He said: "We were put in charge of ammunition in the middle of a field and all sorts of mortar bombs came down.

"Three of us used to go down and we could sit on these ration pack boxes and we used to guard this area.

Top award: Syd Golding is going to be presented with the Legion of Honour

"Behind there, they had all these bombs. There was a line of trees there and they were quite high – the shells had done away with all the leaves.

"A shell came down there. One of the shells hit the trees and the shrapnel cut straight through the head of one of the others and he was still just sat there in the same position. His mate came running up with his arm hanging off. It could have happened to any one of us. At that age it didn't worry you too much, but as you get older you do."

During last year's 70th anniversary of the Normandy landings, France's president, Francois Hollande, announced France would give its highest honour to all D-Day veterans. Mr Golding will be presented with his award surrounded by friends and family.

Teenager taken to hospital after stabbing

A TEENAGE boy was stabbed with a knife during an incident near The Point in CMK.

The stabbing happened in Avebury Boulevard, between South Tenth Street and South Ninth Street, between 8pm and 8.40pm on Saturday, November 28.

A man approached the 17-year-old and began arguing with him.

The man then pulled out a knife and stabbed him before running away.

The teenager was taken to Milton Keynes University Hospital and was later discharged.

The attacker is described as black, around 20 years old, about 6ft, of chubby build, with a goatee beard, long sideburns and a three or four line cut into his eyebrows. He was wearing a black Nike cap, hooded top with the hood up, trousers and Nike Air Force One trainers.

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Concern over clothing

THE owner of an online clothing outlet is considering making his branding clearer after confusion arose over the origin of their 'Made in' range.

Dressdown Clothing, based in Kiln Farm, offers unisex hoodies, T-shirts and baby grows all emblazoned with cities across the UK. But the owner of a shop called Made in Stroud raised concerns when she saw her trademark on the clothing.

Nick Davis, 28, owner of the online outlet, said: "It was never our intention to suggest the items were made in these areas. We think it is quite clear that it is where the person was made, rather than the garment."

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Coroner's 'guilt' over jail deaths

BY CHRIS KNIGHT
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SENIOR coroner for Milton Keynes Tom Osborne says he bears the burden of guilt after the latest inquest into a death at HMP Woodhill.

At Milton Coroner's Court, Mr Osborne said he has 'failed miserably' in his role after the ninth death at the prison since 2013.

Daniel Byrne, 28, was found hanging in his cell by prison staff on their lunchtime patrol on February 26. Paramedics were called and resuscitation attempts made, but he was pronounced dead at Milton Keynes University Hospital the next day.

The jury returned the verdict that Mr Byrne chose to hang himself, but were not satisfied he intended the outcome to be fatal.

Mr Osborne said: "One of the reasons we have inquests is the need for the family and the coroner to see that we are going to prevent further deaths. But it seems to me in my task, I have failed miserably with the number of deaths in recent years at HMP Woodhill.

"I hope Daniel's inquest and his death may result perhaps in the prospect that similar deaths in the future will be prevented."

Mr Byrne was imprisoned at Woodhill on February 20 over alleged sexual offences and possession of a knife. He was rushed to hospital the same day an inquest was being held into a previous hanging at Woodhill involving Dwane Harper.

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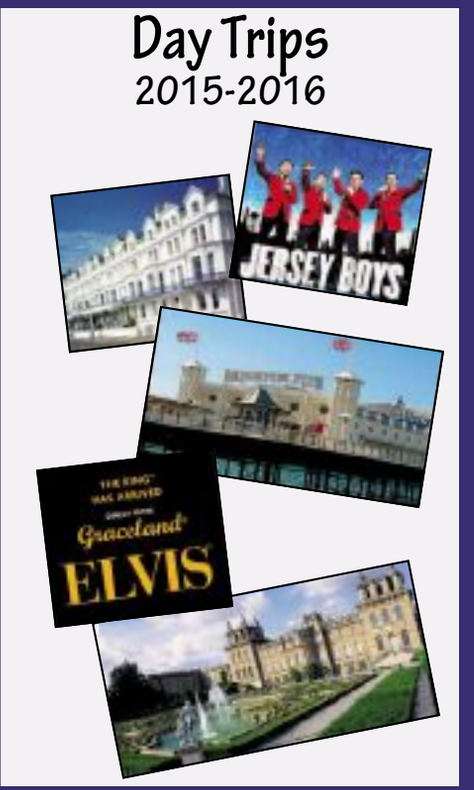

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Student films refugee crisis

BY CHRIS KNIGHT
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A CITY filmmaker has been in Jordan filming the consequences of the conflict in Syria on refugees across the region.

Ismael Ahmed, who has lived in Milton Keynes for four years having moved from Denmark, has been in Zaatari for four days speaking to refugees from Syria.

As part of his project he spoke to one person who was shot with a poisonous bullet, while a family of nine also talked of waking up to gunfire at their home.

He is currently doing his masters degree in creative digital film production at the University of Bedfordshire and filmed Oh Syria, My Syria for a dissertation project.

"We hope our documentary offers a paradigm shift in its audience and thereby presents an eye-opening reality that requires a change, if we are ever going to have a positive and humane progression in the world," said Ismael.

"I wanted to explore the ramifications of war and specifically its harrowing implications on the Syrian population.

Filming refugees: Ismael Ahmed spent four days in Jordan

"The Syrians have had to endure a lot of strife in the last four years and eight months. For me, as a Danish-born filmmaker growing up in a liberal society with a strong ethical upbringing, I think an important aspect of life is to learn empathy for all walks of life."

The documentary has been shown at the Bristol Encounters Film Festival, PeterKit, a student film festival in Russia, and screened in Luton as part of the Cultures in Conflict Conference. It has also been nominated for a Royal Television Society student film award.

Ismael is now looking into studying how Syrian refugees are adapting to life in Europe.

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BY SCOTT KIRK
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Under the contract, which will deliver improved connections, a better customer experience and set tough new targets, London Midland will continue to run services between London, the West Midlands and the North West until October 2017, which includes trains that stop at Milton Keynes Central.

Rail minister Claire Perry said: "This contract will not only ensure that customers continue to benefit from better journeys, but also support long-term economic growth in the region and beyond."

The deal also includes tough new targets for passenger satisfaction, punctuality and cleanliness, which London Midland will have to meet, while extra drivers, conductors and on-board staff will also be recruited.

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Call for volunteers: Project officer Jodie Denton is trying to establish a new residents' association for Eaglestone in Milton Keynes

BY SCOTT KIRK
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WORK is being done to create a new residents' association for an estate that has not had one all year.

Eaglestone Residents' Association was disbanded at the beginning of 2015 and now Woughton Community Council project officer Jodie Denton is trying to establish a new organisation so that the estate can have more of a voice again.

Residents' associations are usually a staple diet of community life and can help solve any issues homeowners and others on an estate are having, as well as bring valuable funding in to help improve facilities such as playgrounds.

"Residents' associations help give communities a voice for their estate and they can apply for grants," said Jodie, who joined Woughton Community Council in April and has been trying to get a residents' association going for months.

"We do all we can as a parish council, but to have a group that can put on fun days and things like that will help get more funding to help the community.

"Residents' associations can be used for anything if there is a need and Eaglestone is one of the major estates in our parish

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Happiness: Laura Bowley has launched a health project to help teenage girls in MK

Fitness project to help teenage girls

BY PHILIP MCELENEY
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A FITNESS expert and recent award winner at the Women Leaders Milton Keynes ceremony has launched a health project to help teenage girls boost their self-confidence.

Laura Bowley, 36, won the Emerging Leader of the Year award at the recent event for her business Happy Bodies Fitness Centre in Old Stratford, which is a junior gym programme for boys and girls.

She is hoping to use her past experiences to specifically help groups of teenage girls overcome self-confidence issues through training and health programmes.

Laura said: "I was taken out of mainstream education. I kind of had a few issues as a teenager about who I was – quite typical I think.

"I always found the one thing I could keep as a constant and keep control of was my fitness. I used to go to the gym and exercise for myself. Going to the gym was my own thing.

"Having some sort of control over something. Sticking at something made me realise if I do a bit of work I can achieve something."

Laura hopes to turn these previous experiences into something which can help girls going through similar problems.

"It's a place where they can come and look at setting their own goals," she said.

"It's got nothing to do with body image, it's just about how they can get something out of it and push their confidence. That should transgress to other parts of their life."

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Just 17 per cent of the IT and telecoms industry workforce are women, according to e-skills UK – a partnership of online based companies.

TNMOC has organised a Women in Computing gallery, which encourages females to take on IT roles and documents the part they have played in the industry. "We want to encourage their participation in the sector," said Mr Reynolds.

IT entrepreneur: Dame Steve Shirley opens TNMOC gallery

'A seller's market for homes in city'

BY SARAH LEE
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MILTON Keynes has been named a property buyer's hotspot.

The list of the best places to sell a house in the UK, compiled by product news website Easier Property, claims houses in the city are in high demand due to its excellent location.

Other areas on the list are Kent, Exeter, Oxford and York.

According to the website, despite its previous reputation for being a concrete jungle, Milton Keynes is now considered as London's spill over town due to quick rail and road links to the capital.

It adds: "Impressive building projects mean the Milton Keynes-style grid housing system is largely becoming a thing of the past, but if you do happen to own one of these uniform buildings, fear not, as housing in this area is in high demand."

Latest figures show there is plenty of demand for homes in the city, with an average of 12 buyers for every property on the books at local estate agents Haart's in Silbury Boulevard.

Subsequently, this has led to a 1.93 per cent increase in the average price of a detached home sold by the branch over the last quarter.

Adam Yusuf, senior branch manager, said: "With property prices increasing and the high demand we really are in a seller's market. Milton Keynes is a fantastic place to live. With great schools and transport links, I can understand why there is such great demand to buy property here.

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stars of calendar

BY SARAH LEE
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RESIDENTS aged 64 to 93 at The ExtraCare Charitable Trust's Shenley Wood Retirement Village have produced their own 2016 calendar, based on music legends including The Spice Girls, ABBA, Queen and Elvis.

A total of 42 pensioners participated in the Village People-themed calendar following the success of their 2015 version The Golden Age of Cinema.

The photo shoot for the calendar took just one day to complete and includes images of pensioners dressed as Beyoncé, Lady Gaga and Elton John.

Though living a very comfortable life at the Shenley Wood Retirement Village, you wouldn't say it had the glamour of Hollywood.

However, the residents residing at the retirement homes have recently swapped their cups of tea for a taste of tinsel town.

Village activities facilitator Leigh West said: "We wanted this new calendar to have a raw, modern and edgy feel to the last.

"We wanted to appeal to a larger audience and make people smile when they turned the calendar page, month to month.

"The Village People was born. A mix of music icons were decided upon and residents were ready to rock and roll.

"The buzz in the village was amazing, with members of the band Kiss drinking tea and eating cake in the café and Michael Jackson from Thriller serving customers in the village shop.

"Our October zombies even danced to Thriller through the village piazza and scared the living daylights out of unexpecting passers-by that day.

"We even had Beyoncé and Lady Gaga answering calls on reception. At that point, I knew this would be something special."

Images were created by photographer Ian Cann, of MRC Photo.

Anyone wishing to buy The Village People 2016 calendar should contact Leigh at Shenley Wood Retirement Village on 01908 413000, or email leigh.west@extracare.org.uk

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Budget proposals

MILTON Keynes Council announced plans on Friday to save £21million in 2016/17, with proposals including a rise in council tax, charges for garden waste collection and the scrapping of pink sacks.

The draft budget also shows investment in health and housing in a bid to reduce temporary housing costs and keep free midwife visits for parents.

The budget proposal will be discussed at a cabinet meeting on Monday and, if approved, will go to public consultation.

MK NEWS has listed some of the main changes the council has proposed and how they will affect you:

Health

The council has protected the health visitor service that supports new parents and young children aged nought to five. The service is to receive an extra £8.1million to cover the period up to 2018. Cabinet member for health, Cllr Nigel Long, said: "The council faces big budget cuts as a result of Government funding cuts. We have taken the decision to protect health visitors. They are a vital service. They promote the health and wellbeing of families with children under the age of five. Children are the future and they all deserve the best start in life."

Council tax

The council is proposing a 1.95 per cent increase in council tax, as well as a two per cent precept to be used exclusively on adult and social care. In short, this would mean a 3.95 per cent rise in your council tax bill. The average household in Milton Keynes would therefore pay an extra £57.31 next year, with some paying more than £100 extra.

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The council has suggested charging £36 each year for garden waste collection. A fee for the service ended in 2009 and the council hopes reintroducing a charge could help it balance the books in the face of government cuts. The council says it hopes the charge for garden waste collection could help save £1.3million across two years, as it previously had 30,000 customers before the charge was scrapped in 2009.

Housing

There is a focus on reducing the costs of temporary accommodation hotels by working with housing associations and investing in the property fund in the city. Cabinet member responsible for housing, Cllr Hannah O'Neil, said: "There is an increase of people in bed and breakfasts and the number of homeless has doubled in the last few years. We are looking at different ways to temporarily house people that are less expensive and a nicer experience for everybody."

Buses

The council has currently proposed a £75,000 reduction in bus subsidies, which could see some routes closed and prices increase. The Milton Keynes Bus Users Group is meeting with the council tomorrow to try to negotiate the potential reduction in subsidies.

Pink sacks

The council currently delivers 11.7million pink sacks per year and hopes introducing 'reusable recycling receptacles' – which would probably be heavy-duty style bags – would save £500,000.

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Being seen and heard: Pupils with their vests

Landlords on alert for modern slavery

BY SCOTT KIRK
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LANDLORDS and letting agents are being urged to help tackle modern slavery.

The latest Government estimates indicate there are 13,000 victims across the UK being forced to live or work somewhere.

Thames Valley Police Modern Slavery intelligence lead, Victoria Butler, said: "We know victims are often forced to live in accommodation with others – frequently in large groups, which causes overcrowding.

"I would ask any landlord or letting agent to ensure they know exactly who is renting their premises."

Common signs of slavery include poor physical appearance, isolation, poor living conditions, few or no personal effects, restricted freedom of movement, unusual travel times and a reluctance to seek help.

Alex Caravello, chairman of the Milton Keynes Private Landlords Association, said: "The recommendations by Thames Valley Police are very welcome and will certainly help landlords and letting agents identify this terrible problem, should they encounter it."

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Hosting the event was former BBC journalist Robin Bailey with the help of special guests, including Sukh Saini from headline sponsors Pictons Solicitors, Ian Stuart from Heart FM and Pam Gosal and Sarah Gonsalves from Milton Keynes Council.

Digital marketing agency Interdirect scooped gold in the flagship 'Website' category for its work on behalf of Biogen, a food waste and renewable energy firm.

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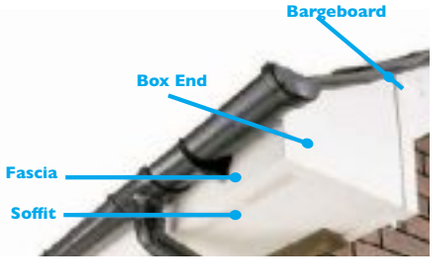

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Advent calendar: Some of the windows in Stony Stratford that have been decorated by residents

Christmas windows

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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DOZENS of homeowners in Stony Stratford and Woburn Sands have been decorating their windows as part of real life advent calendars.

The event has been held in Woburn Sands for the last two years, but it is the first time Stony Stratford has taken part.

Organiser Naomi Sumpter, 41, who lives in London Road, Stony Stratford, said: "Everyone loves a bit of bling and colour."

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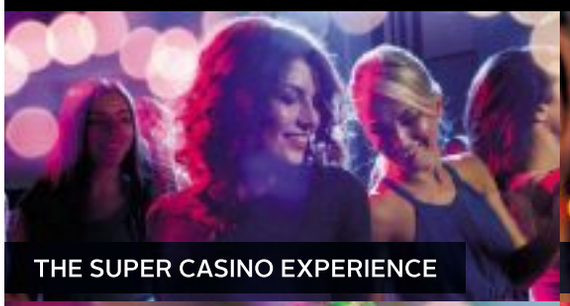
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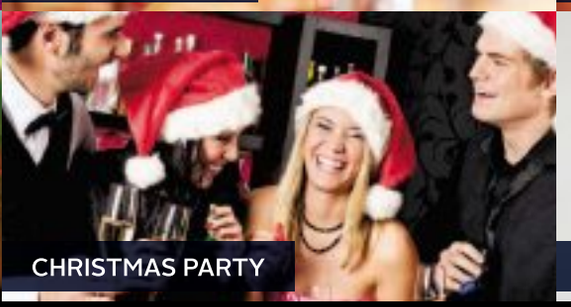
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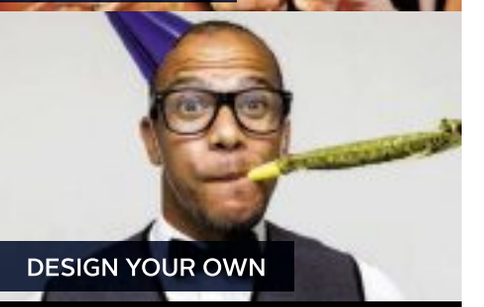
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Ben takes title role

PANTO is a rite of passage for celebrities and one that Ben Adams from boy band A1 embraces as he takes on the title role of Aladdin at Milton Keynes Theatre this year.

A1 were formed in the 1990s and won a BRIT Award for the British Breakthrough Act in 2001.

In the UK they scored two number ones and eight top 10 hits, including Be the First to Believe.

Band member Ben has previously performed in pantomime in Cinderella in Milton Keynes in 2009 to 2010 and is definitely the heart-throb in this year's Aladdin.

Ben said: "Panto is a really great and Christmassy thing.

"I love the mix of humour as there is something for the kids, but also those risqué jokes that go over their heads that the parents enjoy."

He added: "The best thing about being Aladdin is that you are not really responsible for the humour, but we have some huge comedic personalities for that."

There is still the chance to enter the MK NEWS family competition to win four sets of tickets to see Aladdin.

The tickets are for two adults and two children for the performance on Thursday, January 7 at 7pm.

All you have to do to be in with a chance of winning is email the name of this year's pantomime to jessica.duncan@mk-news.co.uk

The four winners will be announced just before Christmas as an extra present for the winners.

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BEN ADAMS
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WAYNE SLEEP
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AS WISHEE WASHEE

A Life in the Day – the Princess Diaries (cont)

AAARGH! Got my Converse all muddy at a tree planting ceremony this morning. Then, had to cut a ribbon and pronounce something open.

Good job the scissors were blunt 'cos I was in such a good mood (NOT!) that I was all ready to use them on the Royal PR agency idiot who signed me up for the job.

Much better afternoon. Obvi! Got a text from THAT BOY! His name is Aladdin (how fleek is that?!!). Okay his dress sense is kinda weird?? But he's still buff. Got very lairy with the ladies-in-waiting and even more lairy with the in-house design dude? Those bad girls have got head-dresses that are bigger than mine and don't they let me know it! Zero chill, that's gonna change… or else.

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Dragon's Den star to mentor business

BY SARAH LEE
editor@mk-news.co.uk

A CAMPAIGN to boost the best local businesses in Milton Keynes, which will see the winner receive mentoring from Dragon's Den star Deborah Meaden, is now under way.

Organised by Local Media Works, the marketing body for the local press industry, the campaign will see newspapers up and down Britain join the hunt to find the best businesses.

The winner will scoop the Local Business Accelerators (LBA) national prize of business mentoring from LBA campaign ambassador Deborah and free local newspaper advertising to take their business to the next level.

Deborah said: "Since its inception, LBA has consistently demonstrated that local media advertising can accelerate local businesses, energising and invigorating local economies.

Ambassador: Dragon's Den star Deborah Meaden

"That is because people trust local news brands more than any other media and are much more likely to engage with, and act upon, the advertising within them.

"I am delighted to be fronting LBA once again and would encourage all businesses out there to contact their local newspaper to find out how they can get involved."

LBA 2013 national winner Sophie Jewett, owner of York Cocoa House, said: "My experience of winning LBA has been tremendous, it has helped me to take my business to another level. The advice and personal mentoring support I was able to get from Deborah was invaluable."

If you think your business should be considered, email sarah.lee@onemk.co.uk no later than January 10, explaining in 100 words why your business is the best local start-up. Businesses must be aged one year or over.

A UK shortlist will be announced in March with the winner revealed at the end of the month.

There will also be an online People's Choice vote, beginning in March, which is separate from the national LBA award.

SEE A VIDEO OF LBA AMBASSADOR DEBORAH MEADEN ONLINE
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Explore the beautiful kingdom of Northumbria!
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Our price includes
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- The services of a tour manager

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Not-to-be-missed wonders!
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Explore the unique, ever-changing, ever-growing Eden Project, with its iconic 'biomes' housing exotic flora from around the world, marvel at the breathtaking lost acres of Heligan, re-discovered after 70 years of neglect, and stay in beautiful coastal Torbay. This fascinating break is a treat at any time of year!

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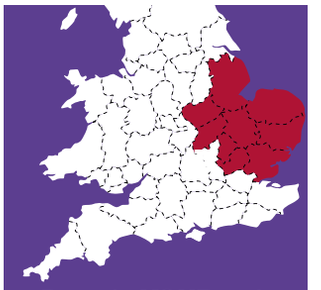

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ELAINE, 51, new to this, free spirited petite blonde, feminine and all women, seeks romantic male who enjoys good times, fun and passion. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 419849**

ALISON 30, pretty, slim with long brown hair, fit and active seeks fit older male for energetic relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 416497**

KATIE 35yrs, slender well educated brunette seeks no strings mutual pleasure with gent 40+ Must be discreet, married or single. ACA. **Tel: 0906 515 4282 Box 419673**

LUCY, 32, blonde, tall and slim, looking for a casual fling, nothing serious. Discretion needed and assured. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 420237**

DISCREET man wanted by married lady for no strings fun. I'm called Sarah and am 37yrs. Pls call, ACA. **Tel No: 0906 515 4296 Box 418167**

SUSIE tactile 33yr old female who loves fast cars and motorbikes, seeks genuine male prepared to live life in the fast lane, 35-50yrs. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 420205**

JANE, young 41, very broadminded seeks chap any age for discreet no strings fun, any age, no time wasters ACA. **Tel: No: 0906 515 4280 Box: 409715**

CHLOE, pretty brunette, 30yrs good job but lacking male with a naughty side, is that you, age unimportant. **Text only to Mailbox No: 4057558**

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LIBBY 36, newly single, no hang-ups, WLTM outgoing male to wine/dine and forever be mine. Don't miss out! Call me. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 419215**

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CARING, loving, friendly, sincere female with a GSOH, seeks a genuine male 60-70, for friendship and long-term relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 419805**

JENNY 56, seeking male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 418437**

DENISE attractive 30's female, sincere warm-hearted romantic, looking for male to enjoy pamper treats, hotel retreats and lots lots more! **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 419837**

DIANE 37, romantic, sentimental, loves to be pampered, WLTM similar gent for mutual spoiling with lots of TLC. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 419819**

LIKE uniforms? Sexy, foxy nurse, green eyes, up for anything seeks naughty, imaginative, laid back guy to get to know. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 419577**

ANN 40's female looking for male for broadminded adult fun, no strings. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 412369**

TANNED toned red haired temptress. Now I have your attention! If you are a little bit naughty looking for someone very nice, call me. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 419611**

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SARAH, 37, beautiful broadminded female, seeks similar open-minded hunky guy for fun/ friendship. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 418167**

AMANDA, 36, tall, slim, busty brunette seeks man, any age, any area, for discreet daytime fun. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 418117**

CLAIRE young 39, beautiful slim blonde, fun loving and sensual seeks similar spontaneous male for fun, excitement, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 419613**

YOUNG looking 37, curvy, attractive, looking for wild at heart man to enjoy fun times and cosy nights in. Any age/looks. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 417649**

ANNIE, 5' 7" with brown hair and blue eyes, plenty of interests, looking for a caring loving male. I enjoy life and would like to share it with someone special, if you are interested please get in touch. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 419059**

JULIE pretty 38yr old Irish female who is lonely as new to the area, looking for male up to 45yrs for tactile companionship. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 419071**

ANNIE, 5' 7" with brown hair and blue eyes, plenty of interests, looking for a caring loving male. I enjoy life and would like to share it with someone special, if you are interested please get in touch. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 419059**

WENDY, long dark hair, loving and tactile seeks tall well built, young minded male who likes cuddles, kisses and lots of TLC. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 419025**

DEBBIE 48, crazy sense of humour, loves countryside, seeks similar nutty guy for uncomplicated fun times. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 419023**

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CARING, loving, good to be with female, enjoys swimming, walking my dog, having fun, good sense of humour seeks similar male. **Text only to Mailbox no: 5063098**

LORRAINE single mum new to the area starting again, OHAC, GSOH, WLTM nice guy to cuddle up with and appreciate, maybe more. Single dad welcome. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 419415**

SUE, lovely sensual brunette, young 50, seeks adventurous, fun loving, tactile younger male who thinks he can keep up. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 419381**

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BECKY 23, classy blonde, long blonde hair, blue eyes seeks loving older guy to spoil and pamper her. Discretion assured/guaranteed. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 416233**

FIONA, 38yr old slim professional, attractive, sporty, looking for solvent mature male for lots of fun and mutual pampering. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 417761**

DEBS petite blonde, 38yrs, well travelled, loves food and good wine, WLTM affectionate male for nice times. Status unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 418443**

male seeking

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BLACK guy, 47, 6"tall, slim and attractive seeks a large built black or white lady 38 to 55 years old. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 418745**

MALE, 59, xx large build, kind, caring honest, GSOH, has car and bungalow, looking for someone loving and caring, to be there for the good times and the bad times, for friendship and more. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 419587**

MALE 56, young outlook, smart, tall, brown hair, blue eyes, OHAC, GSOH, seeks attractive female to spoil. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 250044**

STEWART 47, fit, muscular, looking for no strings adult fun, any age, must be discreet. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 416279**

40+, 6'1 tall, black man, has a job, rents a nice house, looking for a decent curvy woman aged between 30 and 40. **Text only to Mailbox no: 4919402**

IAN, 51, considered handsome, ex police, OHAC, enjoys karate, music, museums and art galleries, looking for an attractive caring, female to develop a friendship, possibly leading to more. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 420241**

DAVID, 39yrs, divorced with no ties, lovely flat in spain, seeks travel companion, single mums welcome. **Text only to Mailbox No: 4112425**

WILLIAM, 68, n/s, GSOH, own flat, WLTM a nice lady with a GSOH to have fun with. To be a friend and a lover, and to be with for the rest of days. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 420181**

GENUINE, honest male, 45, wants to find his one true love, seeks lady 30-55, for relationship, must be in the Newbury area. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 419893**

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MALE 66, fun loving, seeks female, any age, for friendship, romance and good times. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 419055**

48YR old white gent, seeks black lady for LTR. Any age/looks, must be genuine. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 390139**

DAVID, 62 year old male, I'm genuine and sincere, I'm easygoing with a good sense of humour, animal lover. I'm seeking a well-built female age or looks not important but with a kind and caring personality for friendship and maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 418643**

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JOHN, young looking, world travelled kind and vibrant guy seeks NSA casual fun. Not hung up on a womans looks, size. **Text only to Mailbox No: 4844839**

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ATTRACTIVE guy, solvent, articulate, nice character, seeks lady for adult fun and friendship. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 416461**

GENUINE honest guy, 5ft 8ins, medium build, short hair, not bad looking, seeks female, 50-60, slim-medium build with GSOH, genuine and kind. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 359453**

gay seeking

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Around the World in 80 Days begins on December 22 at 7pm and runs until January 2 at 3pm.

Tickets cost between £11 and £20 and to book them, go to www.stables.org

The show takes place in the Jim Marshall Auditorium and lasts for around one hour and 45 minutes, including an interval.

The performance is suitable for all those aged six and upwards.

Throughout the run of the performance, The Stables is putting on an Around the World in 80 Bites menu.

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bletchleyauthor

AWARD-WINNING journalist and author of The Real Enigma Heroes, Phil Shanahan, will be at Bletchley Park for a book signing in the visitor centre in Block C.

The Real Enigma Heroes celebrates the achievements of Colin Grazier GC, Tony Fasson GC and Tommy Brown GM, who boarded the sinking U-Boat, with Grazier and Fasson dying that night.

The signing will take place between 2pm and 3pm on Sunday. All visitors to Bletchley Park can attend the talk for no extra charge.

In Hut 8 the same day, members of the Friends of Bletchley Park will enjoy an exclusive preview of The Petard Pinch, which tells the story of how vital enigma codebooks were seized from a sinking U-Boat, claiming the lives of two seamen.

An adult ticket to the park costs £16.75 for general admittance, for concessions it is £14.75, children aged between 12 to 16 can enter for £10 and children younger than 12 can attend for free.

lightorchestra

THE Wolverton Light Orchestra is putting on a night of Christmas music to get you in the mood for the festive season.

It will be joined by members of the Milton Keynes Music Makers and the Wolverton Gilbert and Sullivan Society for the concert at Stantonbury Theatre.

The concert – which costs £10 and £8 for concessions – will feature popular Christmas tunes and give the audience the chance to join in and sing along.

The concert takes place on Sunday from 7.30pm.

peakperformance

A FILM spectacular is coming to MK as the Brit Rock Film Tour plays at The Chrysalis Theatre tomorrow from 7pm.

Following the success of last year's inaugural 60-venue tour, leading film-maker Alastair Lee presents the tour – which features three stunning films focusing on the subject of mountains. The first, entitled The Citadel, is the world's first mountaineering documentary shot entirely in 4k – that is four times HD quality.

The tour also features films Wild Atlantic and Operation Moffat. Tickets cost £9 and can be bought from chrysalismk.co.uk

artproject

BASED on the original scheme in the 1970s, City Club is an ambitious proposal to animate public spaces around MK Gallery and the northern end of Midsummer Boulevard.

Artists Gareth Jones, who is based in the city, and Nils Norman are talking about the project at MK Gallery tomorrow.

They will also present findings of their research and how it relates to contemporary art.

The event takes place from 7pm and it is free to attend.

metalfest

ENJOY a full day of metal bands at The Craufurd Arms in Wolverton on Saturday.

Jingle Mosh Fest starts at 3pm with bands performing until 11pm. Names include Counting Days, Pay No Respect, Employed to Serve, Dead Weight and many more.

Entry is for those aged 14 and over and doors open at 2.45pm.

Tickets cost £7.50 in advance at www.thecraufurdarms.com and £10 on the door.

IN THE latest monthly column, JOE EATON from THE PARKS TRUST tells us about the historical features

RUNNING from Blue Bridge at the Grand Union Canal down to Lodge Lake at Loughton Lodge, North Loughton Valley Park features historical items as well as one of Milton Keynes' most famous icons, The Concrete Cows!

The parkland was landscaped in the late 1970s and the 1980s incorporating historic aspects but it also includes new plantations consisting of shrub and tree mixes.

Found at the Blue Bridge end of the linear parkland and as part of the city's flood defences, there is a dry balancing lake, so called because it is doesn't normally hold water.

A great spot to visit is the remains of the Roman villa at Bancroft, which was revealed when the site was excavated between 1973-1978.

Activities at the park include petanque, also known as boulen and Bancroft Petanque Piste, which can be found near the Roman villa site.

■ Read the full column at onemk.co.uk

wintryfolk

GUITARIST Richard Durrant will be performing at The Stables this Christmas, playing a variety of wintry folk tunes.

Amy Kakoura, a singer with Greek Irish roots, joins Richard for their third consecutive Christmas tour.

Richard and Amy make a welcome return after their sell-out show last year.

The pair will be performing on Wednesday, December 16, at 8pm. Tickets are £15 and are available to buy at www.stables.org

europeancuisine

MY BOYFRIEND and I have tried the new European cuisine restaurant in Newport Pagnell.

The East House in St John Street, which specialises in Polish and European dishes, only opened in April but is already getting a reputation for good food.

The dishes were all lovely – even the ones we didn't have looked amazing. It was certainly a taste of fine dining at an affordable price in a picturesque town centre.

At first I thought it would all be about stews, but I was completely wrong.

We tried handmade pierogi, meat dumplings and oscypek, sheep cheese for starters, beef roulade and golonka, a crunchy oven baked pork shank, for mains and baked apple and chocolate cake for dessert.

On the menu there is a disclaimer that dishes take a little bit longer than normal because they are all being made fresh, but they were all well worth the wait.

Even though some portions look small they were very filling and I really enjoyed all the complementing flavours.

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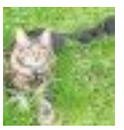

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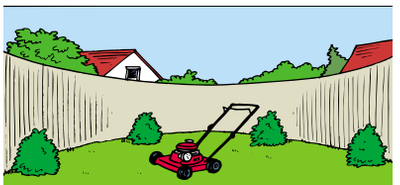

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Full details of the application can be viewed via The Licensing Register at the Civic Offices of the Council. This is accessible Mondays to Thursdays between hours of 09.00 – 16.00 (excluding bank holidays) or online on **www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/licensing**
Any person or responsible authority wishing to make representations either against or in support of the application must do so in writing by the following date: 23 December 2015
To the following address:
LICENSING TEAM, PUBLIC REALM SERVICE GROUP, MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL, CIVIC OFFICES, 1 SAXON GATE EAST, MILTON KEYNES MK9 3EJ Tel: 01908 252800, Email: licensing@milton-keynes.gov.uk
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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING SCHEME
MILTON ROAD, BROUGHTON 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes proposes under Section 90 of the Highways Act 1980 to construct traffic calming measures consisting of two sets of speed cushions on Milton Road, Broughton.

The new location of the speed cushions will be as follows:-

1) Milton Road (southbound carriageway) from a point 46.5 metres north of the centre line of Shackerstone Close, continuing for a distance of 3 meters in a northerly direction.
   Milton Road (northbound carriageway) from a point 46.5 metres north of the centre line of Shackerstone Close, continuing for a distance of 3 meters in a northerly.
2) Milton Road (southbound carriageway) from a point 41.5 metres south of the centre line of Shackerstone Close, continuing for a distance of 3 meters in a southerly direction
   Milton Road (northbound carriageway) from a point 41.5 metres south of the centre line of Shackerstone Close, continuing for a distance of 3 meters in a southerly direction

Each speed cushion will be 3 metres x 1.8 metres in size.

A copy of the scheme plan showing the affected length of road and the new location of the speed cushions may be viewed on any working day, at the Councils Highways Office in Bleak Hall during normal opening hours.

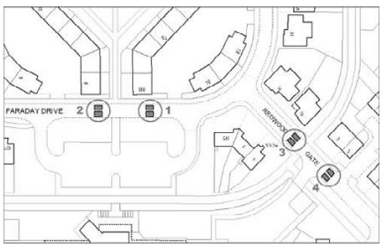
Any objections to the proposals, together with the grounds on which they are made, must be **made in writing** and sent to the Network TRO Officer, Highways Department, Public Realm Services Group, Synergy Park, Chesney Wold, Bleak Hall, Milton Keynes, MK6 1LY **to be received** no later than 30th December 2015 quoting reference PH-S90-NOT-014.

PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING SCHEME
PARTS OF FARDAY DRIVE AND REDWOOD GATE, SHENLEY LODGE 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes proposes under Section 90 of the Highways Act 1980 to construct traffic calming measures consisting of four sets of speed cushions on Milton Road, Broughton.

The location of the speed cushions will be as follows:-

1) Faraday Drive, Furzton (both sides) from a point 39.5 metres west of the centre line of Redwood Gate, continuing for a distance of 3 meters in a westerly direction
2) Faraday Drive, Furzton (both sides) from a point 60 metres west of the centre line of Redwood Gate, continuing for a distance of 3 meters in a westerly direction
3) Redwood Gate, Furzton (both sides) from a point 24.8 metres south-east of the centre line of Shackerstone Close, continuing for a distance of 3 meters in a south-easterly direction
4) Redwood Gate, Furzton (both sides) from a point 44.4 metres south-east of the centre line of Shackerstone Close, continuing for a distance of 3 meters in a south-easterly direction



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PROPOSED WAITING, LOADING AND STOPPING RESTRICTIONS IN EMERSON VALLEY AND WEST BLETCHLEY – DECEMBER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 8th December 2015 made three Traffic Regulation Orders under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The Orders, the titles of which are recited at the end of this Notice, will have the following effects within the roads and parts of roads within Emerson Valley and West Bletchley as stated below:-

- The introduction of 'no waiting at time' and no Loading/un-loading at any time' restrictions around the circumference of Rusland Circus Roundabout;
- The introduction of 15 minute limited waiting between Monday to Friday, 8.00am to 9.00am and 2.30pm to 3.30pm within parts of the car park servicing Emerson Valley School at its junction with Rusland Circus;
- The introduction of 'no waiting at time' restrictions along parts of Milton Road and Byron Close, West Bletchley;
- The extension of the existing 'no stopping' restriction on St George's Road, West Bletchley.

Exemptions from the proposed Order include emergency service vehicles, military vehicles, statutory undertakers, building, demolition and excavation, disabled persons badge holders, and some others.

The made Order will come into effect from 14th December 2015.

A copy of the Order as made together with maps showing the areas referred to may be inspected during opening hours at **Milton Keynes Library**, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes, **Bletchley Library**, Westfield Road, Bletchley and during normal office hours at **Milton Keynes Council**, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Please quote reference **PH-S1-TRO-136.**

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Orders or any provision contained in the Orders on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act, or on the grounds that any requirement of the Act or any Instrument made under the Act has not been compiled with may, within six weeks from the date on which the Order was made, apply to the High Court for that purpose.

Titles of the Proposed Orders:-

1) The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes (Rusland Circus, Emerson Valley) (Parking, Waiting and Loading Restrictions) Order 2015.
2) The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes (The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes) (Various Roads, Bletchley) (Consolidation of Parking and Waiting Restrictions and Prohibition of Loading) Order 2002) Variation Order 2015.
3) The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes (The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes) (Various Roads within Milton Keynes and Surrounding Areas) (Prohibition of Stopping Outside Schools) Order 2008) Variation Order 2015 (No. 2)

(THE REAR ACCESS ROAD BETWEEN GREEN LANE AND VICTORIA STREET (PART), WOLVERTON)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 8th December 2015 made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along that part of the rear access road between Green Lane and Victoria Street in order to repair a leaking communication pipe to the rear of 76 Victoria Street. Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Green Lane, Stacey Avenue and Victoria Street.

It is anticipated that the temporary closure will be in effect on 14th December 2015 and will remain in effect until 16th December 2015.

Some controlled access will be maintained along the rear access road between Green Lane and Victoria Street.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the proposed Order except for emergency services vehicles and military vehicles being driven on operational duties.

The closure will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

The temporary closure will be in force on the date shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed in the affected part of road.

All affected properties will be notified of the forthcoming closure at least one week prior to works taking place.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 14th December 2015 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 1 month or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The proposed road closure and diversion route can be viewed at www.roadworks.org.

(THE REAR ACCESS ROAD FOR ANSON ROAD (PART), WOLVERTON)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 8th December 2015 made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along that part of the rear access road between Anson road and Jersey Road, located between Aylesbury Street and Western Road in order to repair a leaking communication pipe to the rear of 44 Anson Road. Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Anson Road, Aylesbury Street and Jersey Road. It is anticipated that the temporary closure will be in effect on 15th December 2015 and will remain in effect until 17th December 2015.

Some controlled access will be maintained along the rear access road between Anson Road and Jersey Road.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the proposed Order except for emergency services vehicles and military vehicles being driven on operational duties.

The closure will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

The temporary closure will be in force on the date shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed in the affected part of road.

All affected properties will be notified of the forthcoming closure at least one week prior to works taking place.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 15th December 2015 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 1 month or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The proposed road closure and diversion route can be viewed at www.roadworks.org.

(THE REAR ACCESS ROAD FOR JERSEY ROAD (PART), WOLVERTON)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 8th December 2015 made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along that part of the rear access road between Anson road and Jersey Road, located between Church Street and Aylesbury Street in order to repair a leaking communication pipe to the rear of 38 Jersey Road. Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Anson Road, Jersey Road and Aylesbury Street.

It is anticipated that the temporary closure will be in effect on 15th December 2015 and will remain in effect until 17th December 2015.

Some controlled access will be maintained along the rear access road between Anson Road and Jersey Road.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the proposed Order except for emergency services vehicles and military vehicles being driven on operational duties.

The closure will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

The temporary closure will be in force on the date shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed in the affected part of road.

All affected properties will be notified of the forthcoming closure at least one week prior to works taking place.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 15th December 2015 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 1 month or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The proposed road closure and diversion route can be viewed at www.roadworks.org.

(THE REAR ACCESS ROAD FOR GREEN LANE (PART), WOLVERTON)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 8th December 2015 made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along that part of the rear access road between Green Lane, Victoria Street, Stacey Avenue and Moon Street in order to repair a leaking communication pipe to the rear of 39 Green Lane. Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via, Stacey Avenue Green Lane and Victoria Street. It is anticipated that the temporary closure will be in effect on 14th December 2015 and will remain in effect until 16th December 2015.

Some controlled access will be maintained along the rear access road between Green Lane and Victoria Street.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the proposed Order except for emergency services vehicles and military vehicles being driven on operational duties.

The closure will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

The temporary closure will be in force on the date shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed in the affected part of road.

All affected properties will be notified of the forthcoming closure at least one week prior to works taking place.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 14th December 2015 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 1 month or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The proposed road closure and diversion route can be viewed at www.roadworks.org.

(THE REAR ACCESS ROAD OF WINDSOR STREET (PART), WOLVERTON)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) (NO.2) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 8th December 2015 made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along that part of the rear access road between Windsor Street and Cambridge Street that links Aylesbury Street and Western Road in order to repair a leaking communication pipe to the rear of 107 Windsor Street. Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via, Windsor Street, Western Road, Cambridge Street and Aylesbury Street.

It is anticipated that the temporary closure will be in effect on 14th December 2015 and will remain in effect until 16th December 2015.

Some controlled access will be maintained along the rear access road of Windsor Street.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the proposed Order except for emergency services vehicles and military vehicles being driven on operational duties.

The closure will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

The temporary closure will be in force on the date shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed in the affected part of road.

All affected properties will be notified of the forthcoming closure at least one week prior to works taking place.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 14th December 2015 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 1 month or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The proposed road closure and diversion route can be viewed at www.roadworks.org.

(THE REAR ACCESS ROAD FOR CHURCH STREET BETWEEN CAMBRIDGE STREET AND RADCLIFFE STREET, WOLVERTON)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along the entire length of the rear access road for Church Street between Cambridge Street and Radcliffe Street in order to repair a burst water main to the rear of 54 Church Street. It is anticipated that the temporary closure will be in effect on 18th December 2015.

Whilst the above road is closed the alternative route will be via Cambridge Street, Church Street and Radcliffe Street.

Some controlled access will be maintained along the rear access road for Church Street.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the proposed Order except for emergency services vehicles and military vehicles being driven on operational duties.

The closure will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

The temporary closure will be in force on the date shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed in the affected part of road.

All affected properties will be notified of the forthcoming closure at least one week prior to works taking place.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 18th December 2015 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 1 month or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The proposed road closure and diversion route can be viewed at www.roadworks.org.

(ROADS OR PARTS OF ROADS WITHIN TATTENHOE AND BLETCHLEY) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 8th December 2015 made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit pedestrians and vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along the following lengths of road in order to allow maintenance and repair works to be carried out on the highway:-

16th December 2015

- **Hartland Avenue, Tattenhoe** – Between its junctions with St.Ives Crescent and Gunver Lane.
  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Gunver Lane, Mavoncliff Drive and Gunver Lane.

17th December 2015

- **Pinewood Drive, Bletchley** – From its junction with Oakwood Drive to its junction with Laburnum Grove.
  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Laburnum Grove and Oakwood Drive.

The above closures will be implemented between the hours of 07.30am and 19.30pm or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. Signs will be erected several days in advance to warn motorists of the dates and times when the roads will be closed.

The Council is satisfied that the temporary closure Order is necessary to enable works to be carried out on the highway. The temporary Order will come into effect on 16th December 2015 and will expire on 16th March 2016 and will take effect at times during the above period **only** when maintenance or repair works are required and **only** when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, which will be erected in advance of any closure.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the proposed Order **except** for controlled access to residential properties and emergency service vehicles on operational duties.

The closure will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

All affected properties will be notified of the forthcoming closures at least one week prior to works taking place.

Please visit the Councils bus travel web page for all updates on disruptions to local bus services: http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/streets-transport-and-parking/bus-travel/bus-service-disruptions-and-diversions

The temporary closures will be in force on the date shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed in the affected road.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

(TAMWORTH STUBB (PART), WALNUT TREE)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 8th December 2015 made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along the following length of road:-

- **Tamworth Stubb, Walnut Tree** – the access road leading to number 23.

The Council is satisfied that the temporary closure Order is necessary to enable works to be carried out on or near to the highway.

The temporary Order shall come into operation on the 10th December 2015 and shall continue in force for a period of up to 18 months or until the works have been completed, whichever shall be the earlier and will take effect at times during the above period **only** when maintenance or repair works are required and **only** when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, which will be erected in advance of any closure.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order except for controlled access to residential properties and emergency service vehicles on operational duties.

The closure will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

The temporary closure will be in force on the date shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed in the affected road.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

(VARIOUS ROADS, CENTRAL BLETCHLEY)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The effect of the Order will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along the following lengths of road in Central Bletchley:-

- **Brunel Roundabout, Bletchley** its entire circumference;
- **Duncumbe Street, Bletchley** from its junction with Brunel Roundabout to its junction with Water Eaton Road;
- **Queensway, Bletchley** form its junction with Brunel Roundabout to its junction with Water Eaton Road and Sherwood Drive;
- **Saxon Street, Bletchley** from its junction with Brunel Roundabout to its junction with Princes Way Roundabout.
- **Water Eaton Road, Bletchley** form its junction with Buckingham Road and Sherwood Drive to its junction with Duncombe Street;

The above lengths of road will only be closed if absolutely necessary and diversion routes will be provided and access to properties will be provided.

Any closure will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

Any closure will only be in force when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed along the affected length of road.

All affected properties will be notified of any forthcoming closure at least one week prior to closure coming into effect.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 4th January 2016 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 18 months or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the proposed Order except for emergency services vehicles and military vehicles being driven on operational duties.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

(VARIOUS ROADS AND FOOTPATHS IN NEATH HILL AND NEWPORT PAGNELL)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit pedestrians and vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along the following lengths of road in order to allow maintenance and repair works to be carried out on the highway:-

ROAD CLOSURES:-

- **Armourer Drive, Neath Hill** – Between V9 Overgate, H4 Dansteed Way;
  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Armour Drive, Tower Drive, V9 Overgate, H4 Dansteed Way and Armour Drive (and vice versa).
- **Spring Gardens and Lovat Street, Newport Pagnell** – Between Caldecote Street and Silver Street;
  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Caldecote Street and Silver Street (and vice versa).

FOOTPATH CLOSURE:-

- **The footpath at the northern end of Carvers Mews, Neath Hill** – Between Caldecote Street and Bury Avenue.
  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via the footpath that links Carvers Mews and Taylors Mews, Taylors Mews, Glazier Drive and Carvers Mews (and vice versa)

The above closures will be implemented on 23rd December 2015 for a maximum period of 4 hours or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. Signs will be erected several days in advance to warn motorists of the dates and times when the roads will be closed.

The Council is satisfied that the temporary closure Order is necessary to enable works to be carried out on the highway. The temporary Order will come into effect on 23rd December 2015 and will expire on 23rd March 2016 and will take effect at times during the above period **only** when maintenance or repair works are required and **only** when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, which will be erected in advance of any closure.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the proposed Order **except** for controlled access to residential properties and emergency service vehicles on operational duties.

The closure will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

All affected properties will be notified of the forthcoming closures at least one week prior to works taking place.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

9th December 2015

Synergy Park, Chesney Wold, Bleak Hall

David Hall
Head of Highways and Transportation

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Gambling Act 2005: Milton Keynes Council Statement of Gambling Principles

The Council intends to revise its existing statement of policy for the period 2016 - 2019.

The revision is proposed to come into effect on January 14th 2016.

The revision was published on December 8th 2015.

The revision can be viewed via the following internet address: www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/gambling-policy

A copy of the statement can be viewed at the Civic Offices of the Council in Saxon Gate East Central Milton Keynes MK9 3EJ from 9am – 5.15pm Monday to Friday by prior appointment with the Licensing team (email: licensing@milton-keynes.gov.uk/tel: 01908 252800).

Copies of the revised statement have also been supplied to all Public Libraries within the Borough of Milton Keynes.

MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL
FEES FOR HACHNEY CARRIAGE, PRIVARTE HIRE VEHICLES, DRIVERS AND OPERATORS LICENCE
LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976
SECTION 53 AND 70

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN under the above act that Milton Keynes Council proposes to vary the statutory permissible fees chargeable for hackney carriage and private hire drivers and vehicle licences and private hire operator's licences. The charges set out below will take effect on 13 January 2016 unless objection is made and not withdrawn.

In accordance with section 70 (3) (b) of the Local government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1973 a copy of this notice may be inspected during normal office hours at Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Central Milton Keynes MK9 3EJ for 35 days from 10th December 2015 until 13 January 2016.

Any objections made to the proposed fees and charges should be made in writing and addressed to The Taxi Licensing Team at Synergy Park, Chesney Wold, Bleak Hall MK6 1LY by 13 January 2016.

Any objections received; if not withdrawn will be considered by Full Council on 17 February 2016 and the fees with or without modification shall come into force on 1 March 2016.

Dated: 9 December 2015

Neil Allen, Head of Regulatory Services

Grant of Licence or varying Licence/records	Current charge	Proposed charge
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Renewal	£154	£196
Hackney Carriage Vehicle	£172	£200
Renewal	£172	£200
Private Hire Drivers	£136	N/A
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Hackney Carriage Drivers	£184	N/A
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Dual Drivers	£184	£190
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1-4 Vehicles	N/A	£900
5-10 Vehicles	N/A	£1200
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50+Vehicles	N/A	£3600
Operator renewal of 5 year Licence		
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Operator 1 year Licence		
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Operator renewal 1 year Licence		
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Change of Owner	£43	£45
Temp Hire Details	£86	£121
Change of Vehicle under 3 years	£43	£153
Over 3 years	£92	(Now one fee)

Other fees

	Current	Proposed
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Copy of Licence or other paperwork	£10	£20
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The following applications may be inspected at the Planning and Transport Department, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Representations, if any, to be submitted in writing to the above address within 21 days of the publication of this notice.

SECTION 73 **WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**

15/02935/TCA Notification of intention to crown one Beech tree by 20% and prune and removal of small down hanging branches at Glebe Cottage, Church Lane, Clifton Reynes

SECTION 67 & 73 **AFFECTING THE SETTING OF A LISTED BUILDING**

15/02937/FUL Variation of condition 2 (temporary 2 year permission) attached to application 13/02309/FUL to extend temporary period for a further 2 years at Hanslope Park, Hanslope Park Road, Hanslope

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (AS AMENDED)
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT
(DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES) ORDER 2010
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13
MAJOR

15/02890/OUT Outline application for erection of up to 14 residential dwellings at Land North West of Coney Grey, Gun Lane, Sherington.

15/02939/FUL Erection of General Industrial (B2)/Warehousing (B8)/Business (B1) Unit with ancillary office accommodation, new vehicular and pedestrian access of Featherstone Road, and associated landscape, parking, engineering (including ground remodelling) works and infrastructure at Site E Wolverton Mill, Featherstone Road, Wolverton Mill.

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This post is subject to safer recruitment practices.

For informal enquiries please contact Wendi Hatt on 01908 253159.

Customer Liaison Officer (2 posts)

£22,937 - £27,123 **Ref: 59003692**

In this crucial role you will undertake the initial scrutiny of any referrals or alerts raised to the Safeguarding and Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DOLs) team as well as providing general support. Resilient and sensitive with excellent customer service skills, you will bring knowledge of safeguarding and DOLs gained in a similar role.

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Introducing The Ultimate 911

Scheduled to make their world debut at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit, USA, in January 2016, the top models of the 911 model range – the 911 Turbo and 911 Turbo S – now boast 20 hp (15 kW) more power, sharper design and even broader everyday usability.

Available in both Coupe and Convertible versions, the twin-turbocharged, 3.8-litre flat-six engine in the 911 Turbo now has an output of 540 hp (397 kW). This power gain was achieved by modified inlet ports in the cylinder head, new injection nozzles and higher fuel pressure. The 911 Turbo S now develops 580 hp (427 kW) courtesy of new turbochargers with larger compressors. Porsche is still the only manufacturer to utilise turbochargers with variable turbine geometry in petrol engines.

The engines now also have what is known as a 'dynamic boost function' to further raise engine responsiveness in dynamic operation. It maintains the charge pressure during load changes – i.e. when the accelerator pedal is released briefly. This is achieved by just interrupting the fuel injection, whereas the throttle valve remains open. As a result, the engine reacts with practically no delay to a subsequent press of the accelerator pedal. The effects of this function are more pronounced in the Sport and Sport Plus modes than in Normal mode.

Overall, the new high-performance sports cars attain breathtaking driving performance, while fuel consumption is reduced even further. The 911 Turbo S Coupé sprints to 62 mph in 2.9 seconds. Its top speed of 205 mph is eight mph higher than before. The 911 Turbo reaches the 62 mph mark in 3.0 seconds, and its top speed is 198 mph – three mph faster than the previous model. Nevertheless, the coupes only consume 31 mpg (9.1 l/100 km), and the convertibles 30.4 mpg (9.3 l/100 km). This represents a gain of approximately two miles per gallon for all versions. This has been delivered via further advances in electronic engine and transmission management with revised gear change mappings.

A familiar option on the next generation 911 Carrera models, the new 911 Turbo and Turbo S feature as standard the new GT sport steering wheel – 360 mm in diameter and with a design adopted from the 918 Spyder. It features what is known as a 'Mode Switch', a rotary ring with stepped positions that is used to select one of the four modes Normal, Sport, Sport Plus or Individual.

The chassis of the new 911 Turbo models with Porsche Active Suspension Management (PASM) as standard offers an even greater spread between performance and comfort. In addition, the 911 Turbo S offers a full complement of equipment for dynamic driving: Porsche Dynamic Chassis Control (PDCC) roll compensation is standard as is the Porsche Ceramic Composite Brakes (PCCB) system.

New options for all 911 Turbo models include the radar-based lane change assist and a lift system for the front axle that can be used to increase ground clearance by 40 mm at the front spoiler lip at low speeds.

Naturally, the new generation 911 Turbo models adopt significant characteristics of the striking design of the latest Carrera models, supplemented by typical 911 Turbo special features. The newly-formed nose with side-mounted airblades and precisely laid out narrow LED front lights with double fillets give the front end a wider look, further complemented by the additional fin in the central air intake.

As with all 911 models, the newly-developed infotainment system, Porsche Communication Management (PCM) incorporating online navigation, is a feature of the cockpits of the 911 Turbo models. Moreover, mobile phones and smartphones can now be integrated more quickly, easily and comprehensively than before via Wi-Fi, Bluetooth or cable. Selected vehicle functions can now be controlled remotely as well. In addition, as in the previous Turbo models, the upgraded Bose audio system is fitted as standard; although a Burmester installation can be delivered as an option.

The new Porsche 911 Turbo and Turbo S models are now on sale and first deliveries will arrive in Porsche Centres in the UK and Ireland at the end of January 2016.

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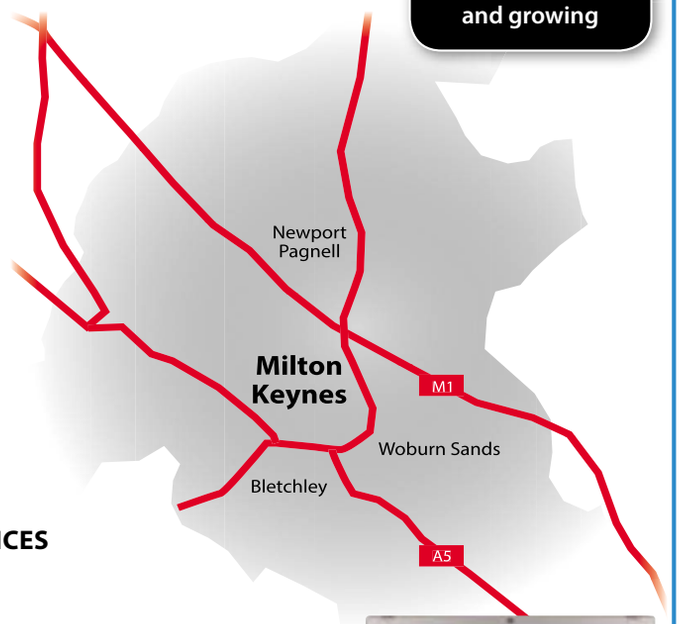

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BMW 3 Series

CLEANING UP

The BMW 3 Series features a whole stack of changes under the bonnet, including a four-cylinder 330i and a three-cylinder entry-level 316i, as well as new diesel engines. From the outside, it looks much as before, with only a few very subtle styling tweaks. But it's still likely to represent the class benchmark.

If you're of a generation who remembers the badge on the back of a 3 Series denoting its engine size, you might be a bit confused by the latest line-up. The 330i, for example, no longer packs a six-cylinder lump, instead squeezing 252PS from its turbo four, replacing the old 328i in the process. If you do want a six-cylinder petrol engine, BMW will sell you the 340i, a new variant that wings in with 326PS (the same as the old 'E36' M3 Evo super-coupe) and will take a blink over five seconds to get to 62mph. At the other end of the petrol engine range is - and you might want to take a seat for this - a 136PS three-cylinder 1.5-litre engine that's been pinched from the MINI line.

Most of the diesel engines are heavily modified or new. At the base of the range is the 116PS 316d trim and the 150PS 318d, but the most attractive models will likely be the 320d and 320d Efficient Dynamics. The regular 320d weighs in with a gutsy 190PS, for a 0-62mph time of 7.2sec in automatic trim. The aforementioned 320d ED wields a more modest 163PS but retains the same 400Nm torque, so it's not much slower but it is a whole lot more economical. The 258PS 330d is automatic only and scuttles to 62mph in 5.6sec, while there's a 313PS 335d at the top of the tree with a huge 630Nm. BMW will continue to offer the 3 Series with its xDrive four-wheel drive system. It's available as an option on the 320i, 320d and 330d and is standard on the 335d. Munich has also made big advances with the latest eight-speed Steptronic transmission.

One thing that hasn't changed all that much is BMW's low-key approach to mid-life styling updates. Blink and you'll miss them. Stand looking at the car for fifteen minutes and you might still miss them. The key design theme seems to be to make the car look wider and lower than before, so BMW has revised the front and rear bumper assemblies with broader horizontal elements. The headlights have also been tinkered with, LED indicators now acting as eyebrows across the top of the light units. At the rear, the tail lamps are full-LED units with more heavily curved light bars. There is also a revised range of wheels, with rims up to 19 inches in diameter available as an option - and 20-inch wheels can be selected from the BMW accessories range.

The cabins have had a similarly light touch applied to them, with a splash of chrome here and a high-gloss surface there. Other updates include cup holders in the centre console with a sliding cover and an additional practical storage area for items such as a smartphone, positioned forward of the cup holders. There's a respectable amount of rear legroom for what remains a manageably-sized car. The saloon's luggage bay still measures 480-litres - or there's the Touring estate version with 495-litres.

'More where you need more and less where you want less - otherwise leave well alone' seems to be the mantra of this latest BMW 3 Series. If BMW wanted to build a model that would convert those who didn't previously fancy a 3 Series, then this revised MK6 design isn't that car. Its appeal is largely the same. If, on the other hand, you're crunching hard numbers, then it's hard to see this Munich maker's much improved compact executive model coming off second best to anything in its division. The class-leading rear-wheel drive driving dynamics are merely the icing on the cake.

Beneath the low-key styling changes and modest interior meddling are some serious engineering updates. A new family of petrol engines and big changes to the diesel powerplants comes winging in, delivering unprecedented performance/economy combinations. The 3 Series has changed a lot about the way we buy cars in this class, continually forcing its rivals to play catch up. This one's no different. As you were, people.

FACTS AT A GLANCE

CAR: BMW 3 Series range
PRICES: £24,975 - £56,595
INSURANCE GROUPS: 20-45
CO2 EMISSIONS: [320d Efficient Dynamics] 109g/km
PERFORMANCE: [330i auto] 0-60mph 5.8s / top speed 155mph
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Christmas Comes Early With Renault

With Christmas just around the corner, Renault is giving car buyers even more reason to celebrate with a duo of attractive offers on some of its most popular models. It's a case of 'happy holidays' for customers who purchase certain Renault models through the brand's popular Selections PCP packages. Those in the market for a new Twingo, Clio (excluding Expression versions) or Captur, and purchase by 31st December will have the option of deferring the start of their monthly payments until February 2016.

Volkswagen Scirocco Special Editions Add Style And Value

The 'kerb appeal' of Volkswagen's exhilarating Scirocco sports coupé has never been in doubt: the distinctive silhouette and wide, low stance of this third generation model – revealed just last year – continue to turn heads. Now Volkswagen is boosting the Scirocco's desirability yet further with the UK launch of two special edition versions – both available to order in dealers now. The debut of two new Scirocco Black Edition models: the Scirocco GT Black Edition and Scirocco R-Line Black Edition, sees the addition as

standard of black painted alloy wheels, a black painted contrast roof, door mirrors and rear spoiler, and 90% tinted rear windows. Together, they significantly enrich the visual appeal of this already dynamic-looking coupé.

HONDA UK ANNOUNCES PRICE INCREASE

Honda UK has announced a price rise for its car range. From the 1st December for the HR-V and from 4th January 2016 for the Civic hatchback, Civic Tourer, CR-V and Jazz, prices are set to rise 2.3% on average across the line up. With pricing for the Japanese automakers products remaining largely unchanged since January 2014, Honda is keen to stress the market has moved substantially since then with one competitor increasing prices 3% in the last 12 months alone.

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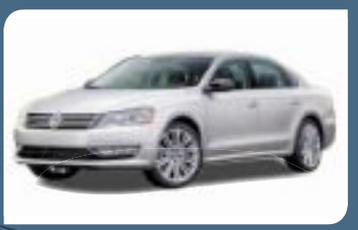

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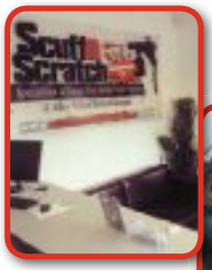

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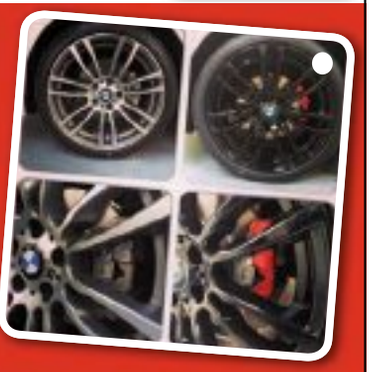

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Ford Kuga Sales Soar In 2015

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Vauxhall Corsa Connects Drivers

Vauxhall is introducing its IntelliLink and OnStar systems to the small car segment, providing drivers with outstanding connectivity and entertainment with state-of-the-art in-car infotainment technology. The Vauxhall Corsa is now available with the latest generation IntelliLink infotainment system as standard (excluding Sting and Sting R models), which only made its debut in the new Astra a few weeks ago. R4.0 IntelliLink easily integrates smartphone functions via Android Auto and Apple CarPlay, and is compatible with devices from Android 5.0 Lollipop and Apple iOS 7.1 (from iPhone 5). Vauxhall OnStar, standard on SE, Limited, Black Edition, Red Edition and VXR Corsa models provides occupants with a stable and powerful internet connection.

Premium And Stylish All-New Kia Optima

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DONS COLUMN

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THE January transfer window is growing closer and MK Dons manager Karl Robinson has been scouting desired targets, hoping to boost his team's chances of winning their relegation battle.

But, with Dons having the lowest budget of any team in the Championship, the club will need to let players leave before they can bring in their preferred players.

Sergio Aguza has failed to make any appearances for the club in the league and has made just one league cup showing. He has failed to adapt to the physicality of the English game and will likely be one of the first players to go in January.

Mark Randall has suffered injuries and failed to break into the first team while fit, making him another likely departure this January.

Cristian Benavente's recent appearance on the bench suggests the Peruvian international has finally turned a corner but he has still not made an appearance for Dons since the early stages of the season.

Dale Jennings' fitness has not been up to scratch and he has been a big disappointment. Karl Robinson admits he's been a failed gamble thus far and he could depart in January.

Tom Hitchcock has made only a handful of league appearances for Dons and spent two loan spells at Fleetwood Town and Stevenage.

Dons need fresh faces to help boost their survival chances this season and these players may be unfortunate and find themselves moving to new homes come January to help the club finance new signings.

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CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

		Home						Away							
	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Brighton	19	8	2	0	15	7	3	6	0	12	9	11	41
2	Middlesbro'	19	7	1	1	16	2	5	2	3	13	10	17	39
3	Derby	19	5	3	1	15	6	5	4	1	11	5	15	37
4	Hull	19	6	2	1	16	5	4	3	3	12	8	15	35
5	Burnley	19	6	2	2	17	11	3	5	1	9	8	7	34
6	Cardiff	19	5	3	1	12	6	2	5	3	10	12	4	29
7	Sheff Wed	19	5	4	1	15	9	2	4	3	10	13	3	29
8	Birmingham	19	3	2	5	9	13	5	2	2	16	9	3	28
9	Ipswich	19	3	5	2	13	11	4	2	3	15	16	1	28
10	Brentford	19	5	1	4	13	14	3	3	3	13	11	1	28
11	Reading	19	4	4	2	13	7	3	2	4	13	15	4	27
12	QPR	19	4	4	1	17	11	3	1	6	7	14	-1	26
13	Blackburn	19	2	5	2	10	7	3	4	3	11	11	3	24
14	Wolves	19	2	4	3	9	10	4	2	4	15	14	0	24
15	Notts Forest	19	4	3	3	13	9	2	2	5	6	10	0	23
16	Fulham	19	3	3	3	16	16	2	4	4	15	17	-2	22
17	Leeds	19	2	3	5	7	12	3	4	2	11	10	-4	22
18	Preston	19	1	5	3	6	8	3	4	3	9	8	-1	21
19	Huddersfield	19	2	3	4	10	12	2	3	5	9	16	-9	18
20	DONS	19	3	1	5	8	11	1	3	6	7	15	-11	16
21	Bristol City	19	2	3	5	11	18	1	4	4	7	14	-14	16
22	Charlton	19	3	2	4	11	16	1	2	7	6	16	-15	16
23	Rotherham	19	2	2	6	13	20	2	1	6	9	15	-13	15
24	Bolton	19	1	7	2	9	10	0	2	7	5	18	-14	12

BADMINTON

Penty returns to haunt old team

BY SCOTT KIRK
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BIRMINGHAM Lions captain Toby Penty put old friendships to one side on his return to Milton Keynes, setting the tone for his new team to earn an impressive victory at Oakgrove School.

MK went down 3-2 to the Lions but captain Peter Mills remains confident they can turn it around to qualify for the play-offs.

The hosts had edged the clash 3-2 last season, but they were no match this time around.

Penty had won in the men's singles, beating Sam Parsons, before Fontaine Chapman swept aside Caroline Westley and in the women's doubles Anita Kaur and Sarah Walker triumphed over Swedish debutant Clara Nistad and Marie Roepke.

The result could have been worse for the home side but for Gordon Thomson and Sophie Sankey, who won the mixed doubles, while alongside youngster Sean Vendy, skipper Mills edged a thrilling men's doubles contest.

Defeat: Birmingham Lions (red) defeated MK Badminton at Oakgrove School on Monday night **Pic by Harry Marshall**

"We're disappointed to lose the match of course, but to take the last two points from 3-0 down is really important," Mills said.

"We learned last year when we just missed out on the play-offs that you have to be absolutely clinical, so we wanted to make every game count.

"You could see that by how much it meant to everyone just to win the last couple of matches, so it's onwards and upwards hopefully from here."

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ICE HOCKEY

Lightning give GB U20s workout

MK Lightning beat Great Britain U20s 3-0 thanks to a hat-trick from new import Frantisek Bakrlik.

The game on Wednesday at the MK Arena was a warm-up for GB's World Championships in Megreve, France, from December 12 to 18.

On Sunday, Finnish defenceman Martti Jarventie bagged two goals within as many minutes to steer MK Lightning to a 3-1 victory at Hull Pirates – their third success against the Humberside outfit this season.

The win helped banish the disappointment of the previous evening's 2-1 defeat after penalties against Swindon Wildcats – a game in which former Great Britain netminder Stevie Lyle denied the hosts on 45 out of 46 shots. Lyle was awarded his team's man of the match while MK goalie Dean Skinns was also outstanding – even though he faced far fewer shots and conceded twice in the shootout.

Victory: MK Lightning win **Pic by Lucy McGill**

RUGBY UNION

MK century gives them top spot

ALCHESTER had to play their game against Milton Keynes with 14 men after their players suffered vehicle problems.

Their issues in the Berks/Bucks and Oxon Premier didn't improve when an MK player was punched resulting in a red card, which reduced them to 13 men before a late arrival meant their numbers were able to go back up to 14.

It meant the result was never in doubt as MK charged into a 38-0 half time lead thanks to a Dan Pearson hat-trick and tries from Michael Fitzgerald, Dan Rolfe and Rob Lasbrey. Brian Purcell converted four of them.

They scored 10 tries in the second half for an incredible final score of 102-0.

Tries from David Keating, Jason Buckley, Dean Williams and the boot of Phil Harman gave Bletchley a Southern Counties 20-10 victory over Drifters.

In Midlands Two East (South), Olney lost 24-6 at home to Belgrave.

SPORTSSHORTS

FUTSAL

OLY Cats, which has a handball team containing players from the area including Olympian Bobby White, have started up a futsal team.

Futsal is a five-a-side version of football and the team will be based predominantly in Northampton. Anyone interested can email howard.willmott@olycats.co.uk.

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

NEWPORT Pagnell Town lost 1-0 at Deeping Rangers in the United Counties Premier League which sees them move down to fourth in the table.

In Division One, Olney Town beat Raunds Town 5-1 thanks to an Aaron Murrell brace and goals from Daniel Webb, Jack Weeden and William Wright.

With their senior team playing Bradford City in the FA Cup, Chesham United Reserves beat Old Bradwell United 3-0 in the Spartan South Midlands League Challenge Trophy. In the National Christian Cup, Clean Slate beat Boro Lane (Bromley) 4-3 after extra time.

In Division One, New Bradwell St Peter lost 3-2 at Buckingham Athletic, while in Division Two, Wolverton Town lost 1-0 at Tring Corinthians.

HOCKEY

MILTON Keynes ladies took on Witney on Saturday – a team who they have never taken points off – and came from behind three times to draw their South Clubs Womens Hockey League game 3-3, with goals coming from an own goal, Alice Vigor and Sophie Reynolds.

The men beat Lewes 3-2 in the South Hockey League Premier Division One with Ali McColl, Tom Murtagh and Luke Stone on the scoresheet.

TABLE TENNIS

GREENLEYS Monarchs remain top of the Milton Keynes Table Tennis League after crushing MK Walking Wounded 9-1 in one of the matches of the season so far.

Monarchs were flattered by the scoreline though with half the sets going to a decider and Steve Silk saved five match points in a 19-17 victory in the fifth game against Dave Murphy.

Second-placed MK Spinners whitewashed MK Phoenix 10-0, while MK Kingpins fought out a well-earned draw with MK Sasaki after Dave Foster filled in for them while simultaneously playing for his own Division One team MK Rovers on an adjacent table.

Beleaguered Greenleys Kings squeezed past MK Powers 6-4 thanks to a Henry Arthur maximum. Powers' Peter Tillotson tripled his season's wins tally with a brace that included a fine win over Guy Sparrow.

ATHLETICS

MARSHALL Milton Keynes Athletics Club moved to the top of the Chiltern Cross-Country League with an emphatic team victory at Culham, near Abingdon.

Steve Tuttle and Liam Smith got the team on the right track in the men's race with second and fourth respectively, while the U17 men had three in the top ten, led by Alfie Yabsley, who finished second. Nadine Lewycky's third contributed to the effort as well, while in the U17/20 race, Emma Mears was also third. The U15 girls had a good victory over Windsor led by Enya Deysel with a season's best of fourth. There were 13 youngsters in the U13 girls race led by Barbara De Koning in fourth position.

There were 20 MMKAC seniors competing in the annual Bedford Half marathon which again attracted a field of a 1,000 runners. Gary Blaber led the team in ninth with a PB of 78.28. Wendy Webber was placed 10th lady with a season's best of 94.02.

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Captain confident team can qualify for play-offs - page 59

Northampton Town test for Dons as FA Cup third round is drawn

BY SCOTT KIRK
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MK DONS will not have to travel far for the FA Cup third round as they have been drawn to play Northampton Town away.

The high-flying Cobblers came from two goals down to defeat non-league Northwich Victoria 3-2 at the weekend in the second round and Dons will travel to the League Two club between January 8 and 11.

Dons last played Northampton in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy in September 2013, when they won 2-0 thanks to goals from Patrick Bamford and Dele Alli.

"It's a great football club and it's local to us which helps and we look forward to it," said manager Karl Robinson.

But before that, Dons have the not-so-small matter of six Championship games, starting with Ipswich Town on Saturday.

And after Dons' dire 2-0 defeat to Brentford at the weekend, Robinson says the players are keen to get back on track.

"My players walked off that pitch at a lower point than they've ever been and I walked off and it was the lowest point I've had as manager of this football club," said Robinson.

"The fans were singing our names and you don't realise what that did for me.

"I went in that dressing room so motivated to do it for them and the players mentioned it as well.

"The intensity in training this week has been through the roof and we're going to enjoy a good week.

"I know certain players who didn't sleep until 1.45am because they were thinking about the game.

"They were sat there going over the game and they're the ones I want.

"The players' mentality has been magnificent and there is tremendous enthusiasm among them."

The game on Saturday at stadiummk will kick off at 12.30pm because it is being broadcast on Sky.

Motivated: Dons lost 2-0 at Brentford on Saturday but Karl Robinson says the fans' reaction after the game was a huge motivation for him

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